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For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE FOR ABSORBING BODY FLUIDS

Submission of Corrected Figures 6-9

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Sir:

After filing the above-identified patent application, Applicants' attorney noticed that submitted figures 6-9 (originally identified as Sheets 4-6) were from another patent application filed on the same day. Applicants' attorney decided to wait for the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application before supplying the correct figures 6-9 to the Examiner. A complete set of drawings, including the correct figures 6-9 (now identified as Sheets 4-7), are enclosed herewith. The correct figures 6-9 are flow diagrams and do not include any numbers or information that was not already recited in the specification. Accordingly, the correct figures 6-9 do not contain any new matter and therefore should be entered at this time.

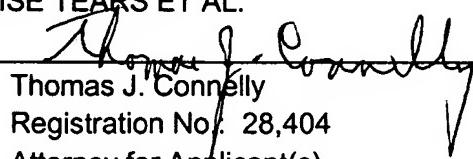
For the reason stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner replace the incorrect figures 6-9 with the new sheets of drawings, including the corrected figures 6-9.

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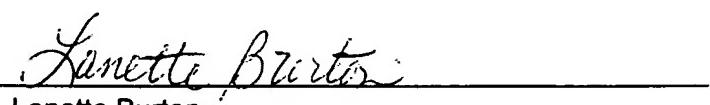
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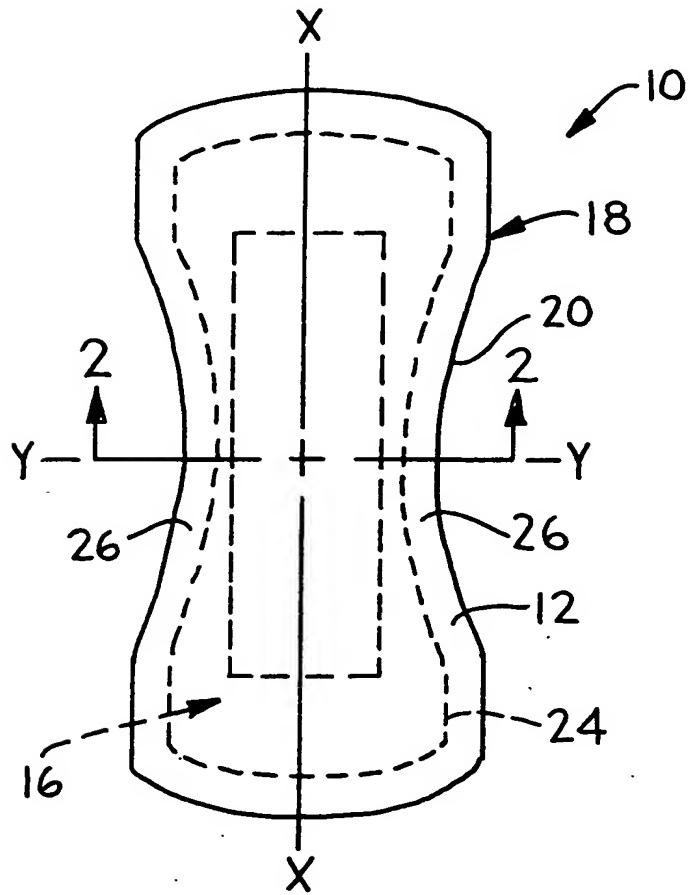


FIG. 1

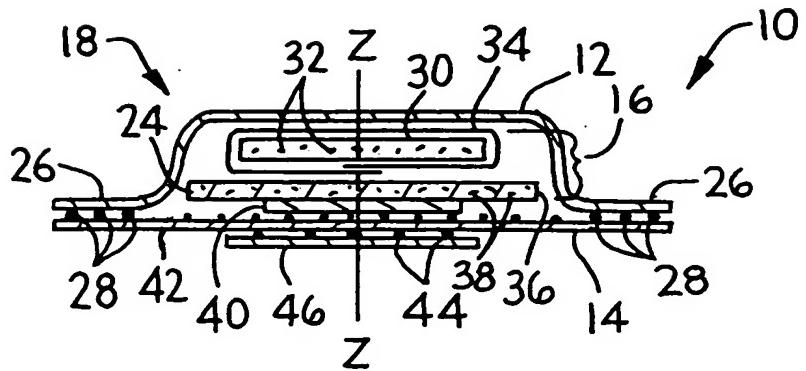


FIG. 2

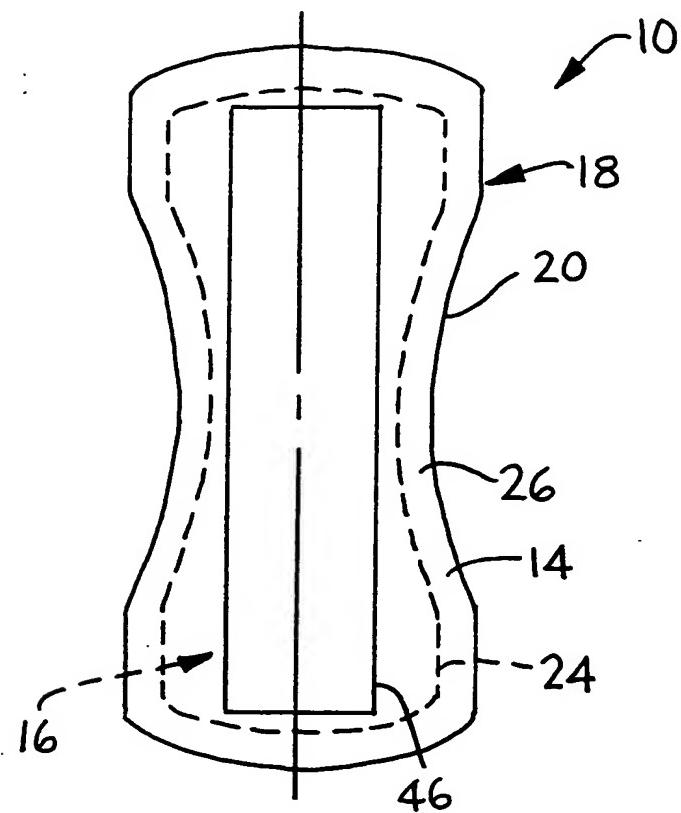


FIG. 3

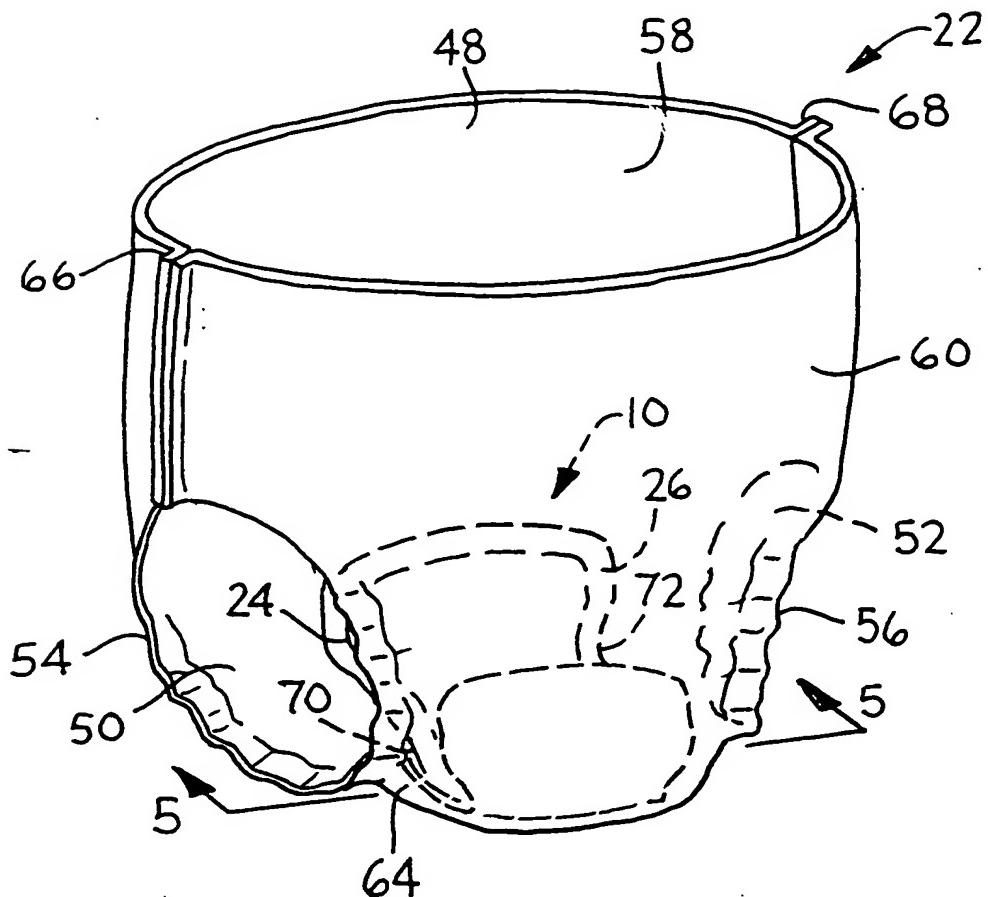


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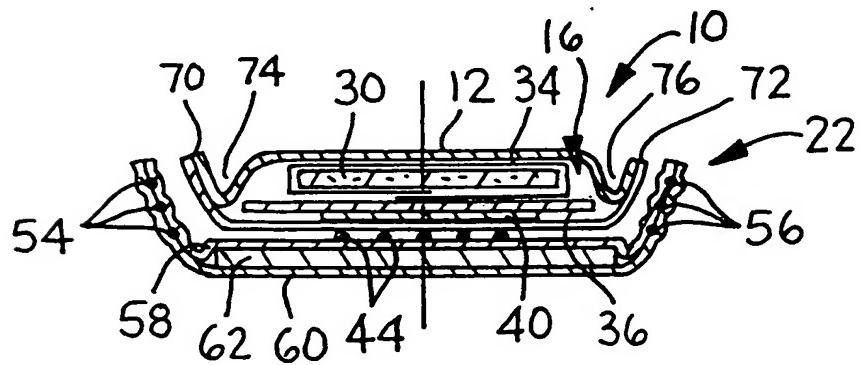


FIG. 5

FORMING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN ABSORBENT CORE
AND A PAIR OF FRINGES AND A RELEASABLE PEEL STRIP
COVERING A GARMENT ADHESIVE

POSITIONING A PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT
HAVING A CROTCH PORTION ONTO A WEARER'S BODY

REMOVING SAID PEEL STRIP FROM SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE

POSITIONING SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE OVER SAID CROTCH PORTION
OF SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT

PRESSING SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE ONTO SAID PRIMARY
ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT TO SECURE SAID GARMENT ADHESIVE
AND FORM A PAIR OF UPSTANDING SIDE WALLS FROM SAID PAIR OF
FRINGES AND FORMING A PAIR OF RESERVOIRS ADJACENT TO SAID
ABSORBENT CORE

POSITIONING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT AROUND A
WEARER'S TORSO WITH SAID PAIR OF UPSTANDING SIDE WALLS
ALIGNED IN THE WEARER'S GROIN

FIG. 6

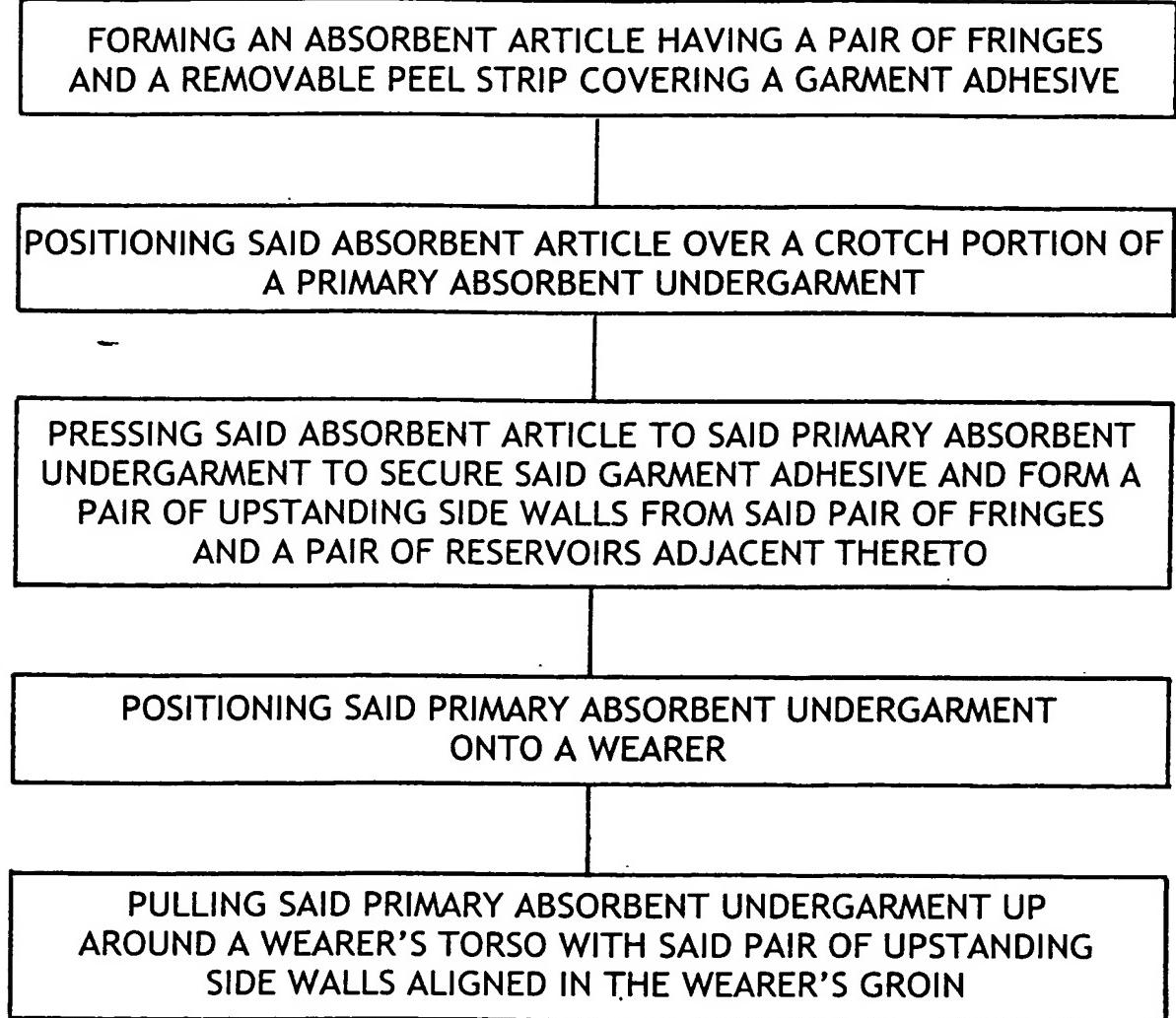


FIG. 7

FORMING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN ABSORBENT CORE
AND A PAIR OF FRINGES AND A RELEASABLE PEEL STRIP
COVERING A GARMENT ADHESIVE

POSITIONING A PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT HAVING
A CROTCH PORTION ONTO A WEARER'S BODY

REMOVING SAID PEEL STRIP FROM SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE

POSITIONING SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE OVER SAID CROTCH PORTION
OF SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT

PRESSING SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE ONTO SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT
UNDERGARMENT TO SECURE SAID GARMENT ADHESIVE AND FORM
A PAIR OF UPSTANDING SIDE WALLS FORM SAID OF FRINGES
AND FORMING A PAIR OF RESERVOIRS ADJACENT
TO SAID ABSORBENT CORE

POSITIONING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT
AROUND A WEARER'S TORSO WITH SAID PAIR OF UPSTANDING
SIDE WALLS ALIGNED IN THE WEARER'S GROIN

LOWERING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT AND
REMOVING SAID SOILED ABSORBENT ARTICLE

FIG. 8

FORMING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN ABSORBENT CORE
AND A PAIR OF FRINGES AND A RELEASABLE PEEL STRIP CCOVERING
A GARMENT ADHESIVE

POSITIONING A PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT HAVING
A CROTCH PORTION ONTO A WEARER'S BODY

REMOVING SAID PEEL STRIP FROM SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE

POSITIONING ABSORBENT ARTICLE OVER SAID CROTCH PORTION
OF SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT

PRESSING SAID ABSORBENT ARTICLE ONTO SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT
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POSITIONING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT AROUND
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ALIGNED IN THE WEARER'S GROIN

LOWERING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT AND
REMOVING SAID SOILED ABSORBENT ARTICLE

REMOVING SAID PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT FROM
THE WEARER'S TORSO AND DISCARDING

FIG. 9